

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-31 (canceled)

32. (currently amended) A skin engaging member in the form of a narrow elongated strip of dimensions suitable for placement on a razor cartridge, said skin engaging member comprising two disparately colored, solid polymeric layers, said layers comprising an erodible skin engaging layer of a first color ~~and~~ overlying a non-skin engaging layer of a different color, said skin engaging layer comprising a blend of an amount of water soluble shaving aid and a water insoluble polymer, said shaving aid being water-leachable from said skin-engaging layer, and said non-skin engaging layer comprising a water insoluble polymer, wherein said skin engaging layer erodes during shaving to provide a color change that signals that the razor cartridge should be replaced.

33. (Previously amended) The skin engaging member of claim 32 wherein said water soluble shaving aid comprises polyethylene oxide.

61 34. (Previously added) The skin engaging member of claim 33 wherein said water insoluble polymer in said skin engaging layer comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of nylon, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene and polyacetal.

35. (Previously added) The skin engaging member of claim 34 wherein said water insoluble polymer in said non-skin engaging layer comprises a polymer selected from the group consisting of polystyrene, high impact polystyrene, polypropylene, filled polypropylene and nylon.

36. (Previously added) The skin engaging member of claim 35 wherein said non-skin engaging layer additionally comprises a water soluble polymer.

37. (Previously added) The skin engaging member of claim 32 wherein said skin engaging layer comprises an

elongated sheath and said non-skin engaging layer comprises a core extending axially throughout said sheath.

61/ 38. (Previously amended) A skin engaging member for use in a razor cartridge, said skin engaging member comprising a water insoluble polymer, an amount of a water soluble shaving aid and means in said skin engaging member for indicating a change in said amount of said shaving aid, said means for indicating comprising at least one coloring agent, said means for indicating comprising a coating on top of a portion of said skin engaging member, wherein said coating is adapted to gradually wear off said skin engaging member during use of said skin engaging member in shaving and thereby provide a signal that the razor cartridge should be replaced.

39. (Previously added) A razor cartridge comprising a blade and a skin engaging member according to claim 38 affixed adjacent said blade.

40. (Currently amended) A razor cartridge comprising a blade and a skin engaging member affixed adjacent said blade, said skin engaging member in the form of a narrow elongated strip of dimensions suitable for placement on a the razor cartridge, said skin engaging member comprising two disparately

61 colored, solid polymeric layers, said layers comprising an erodible skin engaging layer of a first color and overlying a non-skin engaging layer of a different color, said skin engaging layer comprising a blend of an amount of water soluble shaving aid and a water insoluble polymer, said shaving aid being water-leachable from said skin-engaging layer, and said non-skin engaging layer comprising a water insoluble polymer, wherein said skin engaging layer erodes during shaving to provide a color change that signals that the razor cartridge should be replaced.

41. (Previously amended) The razor cartridge of claim 38, 39 or 40 wherein said water soluble shaving aid comprises polyethylene oxide.

42. (New) A razor cartridge comprising a blade and a skin engaging member affixed adjacent said blade, said skin engaging member comprising an erodible skin engaging layer of a first color overlying a non-skin engaging layer of a different color, said skin engaging layer comprising a water soluble shaving aid, and said non-skin engaging layer comprising a water insoluble polymer, wherein said skin engaging layer erodes during shaving to

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reveal the non-skin engaging layer and thereby provide a color signal that the razor cartridge should be replaced.
